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eHealth Care Quality and Patient Safety Board Information Exchange Workgroup

June 8, 2006

Location: 1 W. Wilson Street, Room B372, Madison

Time: 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Introductions

Participants included the following:

Members

- John Hartmann
- Scott Novogoratz
- Debra Rislow
- Karl Stebbins
- Susan Turney
- Louis Wenzlow
- Hugh Zettel (Chair)

Resources

- Keith Haugrud
- Matthew Miszewski
- Debbie Rickelman
- Lorna Will

Staff

- Seth Foldy
- Stacia Jankowski
- Audrey Nohel
- Judith Nugent
- Susan Wood

Hugh Zettel welcomed the members and said that all meetings will be recorded for transparency and minutes will be drafted and distributed. He asked that members speak their name prior to speaking.

Review of Workgroup Charter and Timeline

Mr. Zettel directed the workgroup members to the Information Exchange Workgroup charter, which was distributed prior to the meeting. The timing of this requires the group to make preliminary recommendations to the eHealth Care Quality and Patient Safety Board meeting on August 3, 2006. Following that meeting, the group will continue to work through November 2006 to drill down on assignments to the charter and coordinate their efforts with the other workgroups. Mr. Zettel noted that the timing is very aggressive and that more meeting times may be needed to meet the needs of the workgroup.

Process

Workgroup members raised questions about how the workgroups are going to coordinate their efforts. Mr. Zettel explained that there is a process in place for the chairs of the workgroups to meet to ensure cross-integration of issues. He also explained that he envisioned a need for joint meetings with other workgroups on issues that are within each workgroup's domain. Mr. Zettel said that staff is exploring a number of options for making the meetings as productive as possible, such as the use of a Web interface.

Briefing Materials

Seth Foldy provided an overview of what is meant by the terms health information technology (HIT) and health information exchange (HIE). In addition to defining HIE, he described the concept of medical trading areas (MTA), which is where the most medical information would be exchanged. This is primarily where the patient receives and accesses care. He hypothesized that there were approximately three or four medical trading areas within the state. Dr. Foldy asked the group to think about how this information would be shared across medical trading areas, such as across multiple states.

A member asked what the workgroup needed to address in terms of HIPAA. Dr. Foldy explained that the Consumer Interests Workgroup would be addressing HIPAA issues as part of the Health Information Privacy and Security Collaboration (HIPSC) initiative, which is a grant to identify state and national HIPAA-related issues that would hinder the adoption of health information technology and exchange.

Mr. Zettel asked about the Wisconsin Health Information Exchange (WHIO) coverage plans for the patient claims data to be collected. Susan Turney responded that this data collection will begin with certain patient data (those with insurance through Employee Trust Funds, Medicaid), but will not contain any Medicare data. As this project progresses as much as 90% of patient data could be in this system if Medicare and self-pay data was included.

Matt Miszewski offered to find out more about how Florida or Massachusetts were able to get where they are in their information efforts.

Suggested agenda items for the June 22, 2006 meeting included:

- Matt Miszewski to provide information on the state health information technology infrastructure
- Private sector efforts such as an overview of the Wisconsin Health Information Organization (WHIO) efforts
- Wisconsin Health Information Exchange
- Density of electronic health record adoption

Next Meeting

June 15, 2006, 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.